

POST TSUNAMI RELIEF, REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION
MEASURES IN ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS

THE DAMAGE

Dead and Missing	3513
Islands affected	38
People affected	50,000
Houses fully damaged	10,000
Agricultural land affected	10,000 Ha
Roads damaged	354 Kms
Infrastructure badly damaged	24 jetties, 85 schools, 34 PHCs, 37 MW Power & Water Supply in 257 Villages

IMMEDIATE RELIEF MEASURES

- 207 Relief camps opened with 46,000 people; 14,000 people airlifted to Port Blair 5,700 people evacuated to mainland; 2000 MT relief material transported to different islands.
- Ex-gratia disbursed to next of kin of all dead/ missing persons and orphans at the rate of Rs 2.00 lakh; Widows and Unmarried girls above 18 years of age have been paid ex-gratia at the rate of Rs. 1 lakh.
- 9565 Intermediate shelters constructed for more than 45,000 Tsunami affected families in a period of four months to ensure that they had a roof over their heads before the onset of monsoon in May. 15,000 MT materials for construction of shelter were transported to different islands despite severe logistic constraints.
- 60 fair price shops opened in different islands. Special Relief ration cards issued.

- Child Helpline service, Trauma counseling services set up.
- Traditional houses built / repaired for Onges / Great Andamanese.
- Under the Rajiv Gandhi Relief Package for Tsunami affected areas Rs. 821.88 crore was immediately sanctioned. This included payment of ex- gratia as well for revival of economic activity. In addition, an enhanced Compensation package for Crop loss at a cost of Rs.70.28 crore has also been. sanctioned. This consists of compensation of Rs. 90,465 per hectare for loss of plantation crops ie. coconut and arecanut and Rs. 22,231/ha for loss of paddy/vegetables.

RESTORATION OF DAMAGED INFRASTRUCTURE

- Out of 20 Power Houses damaged, 10 were restored and 18 new constructed. 30 MW out of 37MW capacity destroyed were restored immediately. In 58 relocated isolated settlements, where intermediate shelters were constructed, power supply was given by extension of lines and generator sets.
- Intermediate shelter sites, developed after tsunami, were connected with fair weather roads. 142 kms roads have been restored and repair / reconstruction work on 308kms is under progress.
- Drinking water to all affected areas was restored immediately. Rain water harvesting structures were provided in intermediate shelters.
- Shipping schedule was maintained from the day of tsunami. In fact, the frequency of inter-island and mainland-island ships were increased. Temporary jetties were constructed in tsunami affected islands.

SOCIAL SERVICES

- Timely, preventive measures were taken to ensure any outbreak of communicable disease. In fact the incidence of malaria was lower than the pre- tsunami period. All health Sub centers made functional immediately.

- Schools were immediately re-established in temporary structures. Textbooks, notebooks, stationary, uniforms were provided.

LIVELIHOOD PLAN

- The UT administration has assured at least one daily wage job per affected family for 1 year. 6313 families have been identified for support after door to door survey.
- 22 lakh mandays have been generated as on 15th Dec 2005.
- Efforts have been made to revive tourism. Media campaign launched for "Brand & Confidence Building". Permission to visit the Islands in lieu of Home Leave Travel Concession helped in reviving the inflow of tourists.
- In the agriculture sector, the policy of buy back from farmers for coconut seedling / seed nut, banana suckers, areca nut & tapioca 'seedlings resulted in an income of Rs 45 lakhs. In addition, farmers benefited through procurement of Copra, which increased from Rs 65 lakhs in 2004-05 to Rs. 3.75 crore in 2005-06. Multiple cropping, Organic farming, Vegetable cultivation introduced.
- 2300 fishermen were affected. Of the 1703 boats lost/damaged, 1392 have been repaired/replaced.

PMs NATIONAL RELIEF FUND

- Total package sanctioned for Rs 13.08 crore. Six projects have already been sanctioned. Child assistance scheme & Scholarship scheme for tsunami affected children is also under implementation.

LONG TERM MEASURES

- The Government of India has approved a special package of Rs. 3,452 crore for reconstruction work to be undertaken in ANI over the next four years. This package aims at not only rehabilitating the damaged infrastructure in ANI but also bringing these to international levels. The package includes the following;

- Reconstructing 8,566 permanent houses of 450 square feet each and community infrastructure at a cost of Rs.738.00 crore; The designs for the permanent shelters have been drawn up in consultation with the local population. Prototypes were set up in islands that were accepted by the beneficiaries. NGOs have been invited to actively participate.
- Restoring the livelihood of fishermen by reconstructing infrastructure, providing processing & marketing facilities and skill development at a cost of Rs.176.05 crore.
- Reclamation of land affected by salinity and inundation as well as replacing lost livestock at a cost of Rs.404.73 crore.
- Reconstructing shipping infrastructure e.g. jetties, cargo handling equipment, break water etc at a cost of Rs.1 043 crore.
- Constructing/repairing new/damaged roads and bridges at a cost of Rs.90.65 crore.
- Restoration of damaged Power & ICT infrastructure at a cost of Rs.300.00 crore.
- Upgrading drinking water supply and drainage system in Tsunami affected areas at a cost of Rs.37.02 crore.
- Construction of social infrastructure e.g. school buildings, PHCs, ICDS centers etc at a cost of Rs.233.52 crore.
- Protection of environment especially in coastal areas at a cost of Rs.231. 7 crore.
- Rehabilitating tourism infrastructure with special focus on eco-tourism at a cost of Rs.76.50 crore.
- Long-term resurgence projects for upgrading other infrastructure at a cost of Rs.50.00 crore.
- Project formulation and management at a cost of Rs.70 crore.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT EXTENDED TO A&N ADMINISTRATION

- Condition of waiting period of 1 year for grant of various retirement & other benefits to dependents of the missing Government servants was waived off in respect of cases relating to tsunami victims.
- Andaman & Nicobar Administration was exempted from the 10% cut on POL consumption for the Financial Year 2005-06 to facilitate the rehabilitation work.
- Financial powers delegated to the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands were enhanced.
- Proposal to frame a special scheme for providing employment for the dependents to the Government servants who have died/gone missing is under consideration.
- Proposal to lift the ban orders for reviving certain vacant posts in the A&N Admn. is under consideration.

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